

Assemblyman Chapel Seeks Maritime Academy Entrants

Charles Ed. Chapel, member of the Assembly, 46th District, announces a competitive examination for young men in his district to be admitted to the California Maritime Academy in August, 1960. The examination will be held at 9 a.m., April 11, 1960, at Los Angeles City College, Room 102, Life Science Building, in Los Angeles. There are no fees required to take this examination.

Chapel explains that the applicant with the highest passing scores may be admitted if vacancies exist prior to the entrance of the new class in August, 1960.

A YOUNG MAN to be eligible for appointment must, at the time of admission in August, 1960, be a high school graduate, unmarried, 17 years of age, but not over 23, except that a veteran may enter up to the age of 27, and meet strict physical and mental requirements.

The State-operated California Maritime Academy is located on Carquinez Strait, Vallejo, at the head of San Francisco Bay. The Academy program provides, in three years, the equivalent of the usual four-year college, and the graduates receive a B.S. degree, either in nautical science or in marine engineering.

WELL-PAID JOBS as licensed officers in the U. S. Merchant Marine await the graduates, according to Assemblyman Chapel, who adds that those who are physically and otherwise qualified are eligible for commissions in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Students must pay a comparatively low tuition fee, which includes room and board and must buy their own textbooks and uniforms.

Under the provisions of State laws and resolutions sponsored by Assemblyman Chapel, each State Senator and each Member of the Assembly representing an even-numbered district may nominate a young man from his district for admission to the California Maritime Academy in 1960.

SINCE THE NUMBER who can be admitted to the Academy each year is limited, this method of selection insures State-wide opportunity to gain admission to the Academy and to prepare for positions of leadership in the Merchant Marine, which is so vital to both California and the United States.

Applications to take the examination should be made in ten, with one carbon copy, and mailed to Charles E. Chapel, Member of the Assembly, Post Office Box 777, Inglewood 5, Calif., on or before March 1, 1960.

Those desiring further information before applying for appointment should write to The Dean of Instruction, California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, Calif., and send a carbon copy to Assemblyman Chapel.

Chapel emphasizes that political affiliation has no bearing on the appointment and that the California Maritime Academy is not to be confused with the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., appointments to which are made principally by U.S. Senators and Representatives.



LUAU FOR PARENTS . . . Members of Keith Weideman's class at Hamilton Elementary School held a luau for their parents recently, explaining some of the things they learned during their study of Hawaii. Committees explained the class work, while parents munched on pineapple and poi.



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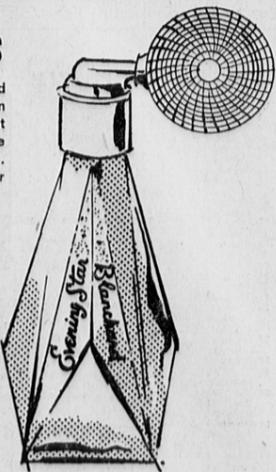
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Legislative Analyst Maintains Constant Watch on State Money

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District

Budgeting for our burgeoning state government has been well established as a year around business. Long ago, we Legislators came to realize our comparatively unhappy position in having to make final decisions on the fiscal demands of all the various departments, even after they had been reviewed by the finance department. So we hired our own finance expert, the legislative analyst, to keep constant watch on the money plans for state operation.

Under the guidance of our fourteen member joint committee on the legislative budget the legislative analyst, aided by his staff of experienced technicians, reviews each proposed budget in great detail. Based on his own analysis of the requests he submits his recommendations to the joint legislative committee. As can be imagined, most of them call for downward revision.

WITH THE 1960 budget session only a short two months off, the fiscal gears are beginning to turn rapidly. Already our analyst has made a number of reports to the committee on various phases of next year's budget. As anticipated, there is a certain degree of unhappiness with his recommendations in some quarters. In others, they were well received.

The reports were prefaced by an estimate of general fund revenues for the new fiscal year. Noting that general income is running some \$35 to \$40 million higher than the

last official forecast made in August, with the sales tax leading the procession, the analyst fixes general fund revenues at \$1.47 billion for the current year, \$1.63 billion for 1960-61. On this basis, he calculated a possible surplus at the end of this year of almost \$73 million. This certainly seems a startling change for the better from the precarious position officially predicted during our 1959 session.

IN ONE of his reports the analyst directs our attention to the fact that current income for the division of beaches and parks, derived from oil royalties, is down to where it is just barely sufficient for day-to-day operating expenses. Practically nothing is left for acquisition or development of new facilities, as was contemplated when the existing special fund was created. His recommendations are certainly forthright. First, that the division be made a general fund agency, and all oil revenue transferred to that fund. Second, that fees for use of beaches and parks be upped so that they will pay approximately half of operating costs instead of the present 15 percent.

In another, the California disaster office is described as "inadequate, ineffective and inequitable." It is recommended that the agency either be made adequate for its job, or that it be abolished.

IN A THIRD, the request of the department of mental hygiene is critically reviewed. Pointing out that the depart-

ment is asking for almost 16 percent more funds for next year, the report cites the fact that almost all of the increase requested is due to new jobs the department wants to set up. The agency request shows no anticipated increase in the number of mentally ill, but does call for 1,725 new positions in hospitals for that type of patient. The analyst also questions a proposed "day hospital" (outpatient) program as duplication of existing programs.

In a fourth, an increase requested by the fair employment practices commission for research was criticized as duplicating services already being performed by another division of the same department.

These are just a few of the recommendations made by our legislative analyst to the joint budget committee. The facts presented and the suggestions advanced in his detailed studies will give all of us much to think about before February.

Aeronca, Buensod-Stacey Inc. Approve Merger Agreement

The Board of Directors of Aeronca Manufacturing Corporation of Middletown, Ohio, and Buensod-Stacey, Inc., of New York City, have approved a agreement to merge the two companies, it was announced.

Buensod will be operated as a self-contained division of Aeronca. Smith, who will be elected a vice president and Director of Aeronca, will be General Manager of the Buensod Stacey Division. No changes in the Buensod - Stacey organization are contemplated, Lawler reported.

The merger agreement provides that the outstanding stock of Buensod - Stacey will

be converted into an aggregate of 22,996 shares of 5-1/2 Per Cent Prior Preferred Stock and 71,543 shares of Common Stock of Aeronca. Outstanding shares of Aeronca will not be affected by the merger, it was announced.

Stacy will be advantageous to both companies," Lawler said. "Aeronca will acquire a substantial commercial business and Buensod will receive the benefit of Aeronca's substantial research and development effort, including the application of the newly developed production processes to the air-conditioning industry."

Garden Checklist

By California Association of Nurserymen

1. Move living Christmas trees out to the deck. You can keep them in their containers for indoor use again next year.
2. Continue planting Ranunculus for a succession of bloom.
3. A flower bed that is not draining properly can be improved by building a redwood frame around it and raising the soil level.
4. Bare-root shrubs and trees can go in now. Plant as soon as possible after you get them home to prevent drying out.
5. Cane Berries — Blackberries and Raspberries — are available at nurseries now. Get planting instructions from your nurseryman.

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